

PAINTED UTILITY BOXES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

While the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture does not administer the painted utility box programs, we receive many inquiries about them. Most of the programs are administered by business improvement organizations. Please contact the following organizations directly to learn more.

Uptown Partnership

Uptown Partnership's Utility Art Box Program harnesses the creativity of volunteer artists to create an urban art trail throughout the Hillcrest, Mission Hills, Bankers Hill and Five Points neighborhoods that improves sidewalk aesthetics, promotes culture, and discourages vandalism.

Contact: Jessica Freeman, info@uptownpartnership.org, www.uptownpartnership.org

City of Vista Public Arts Commission- "Vista in Bloom"

The City of Vista Public Arts Commission sponsors a city-wide utility box beautification project called "Vista in Bloom". The project celebrates community pride and involves the painting of designated utility boxes in the downtown Vista area.

Contact: Bill Fortmueller, (760)726-1340 x1148, bfortmueller@cityofvista.com, www.ci.vista.ca.us/agenda/cap/arts/vista_in_bloom.asp

Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC)

SEDC's utility infrastructure public art project is part of ongoing efforts to enhance and revitalize street corridors throughout SEDC's area of influence, encompassing 15 neighborhoods and four adopted redevelopment project areas. Completed in phases, SEDC works with artists to implement original and creative paintings directly onto traffic signal controller and utility boxes.

Contact: Chris Jones, (619) 527-7345, jonesc@sedcinc.net, www.sedcinc.com (click "R Space")

El Cajon Community Development Corporation (El Cajon CDC) – UArt

Art – and the community it creates – is at the heart of igniting culture, communicating history and values, stimulating economic development, and building community pride.

Transform common utility boxes into works of public art for all to enjoy through UArt: Downtown El Cajon's Utility Art Box Program. If you're an art lover and/or community enthusiast, volunteer your artistic talent to UArt and share your community spirit to beautify the Downtown El Cajon landscape for years to come. You'll also help deter graffiti from Downtown neighborhoods and celebrate the uniqueness of place and people.

Contact: Christina Burke, (619) 401-8858, christina@downtownelcajon.com, www.downtownelcajon.com (visit the Arts & Culture page)

If you are an organization which operates a utility box painting program and you would like to be listed here, please send your information to Dana Springs at dsprings@sandiego.gov. Thank you.